

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

The present invention relates to a numerical control apparatus for controlling a machine tool via a chopping control, and more particularly to thea so-called chopping control for controlling ~~the~~ a chopping operation for shaping or cutting a workpiece with the reciprocating movement in any direction at any period and amplitude in accordance with a commanded processing pulse.

Page 1, the second full paragraph is amended as follows:

The conventional numerical control apparatus involved making individually a contour control, to control a contour along which a workpiece is cut, in the X-Y axis direction and a chopping control for effecting the reciprocating movement at any period and amplitude.